Engineering Interpretations

Construction Material and Excavating

Soils are rated as sources for road fill, topsoil, sand, and gravel. Suitability ratings of good, fair, or poor are given for soils used as a source of road fill and topsoil. Ratings of probable and improbable are given for sand and gravel. A rating of probable means that on the basis of the available evidence, the source material is likely to be in or below the soil. A rating of improbable means that the source material is unlikely to be in or below the soil. The ratings for sand and gravel do not consider the quality of the source material because quality depends on how the source material is to be used.

Road Fill

Road fill consists of soil material that is excavated from its original position and used in road embankments elsewhere. The evaluations for road fill are for low embankments that generally are less than 6 feet in height and are less exacting in design than high embankments such as those along superhighways. The rating is given for the whole soil, from the surface to a depth of about 5 feet, based on the assumption that soil horizons will be mixed in loading, dumping, and spreading. Soils are rated as to the amount of material available for excavation, the ease of excavation, and how well the material performs after it is in place.

Sand

Sand as a construction material is usually defined as particles ranging in size from 0.074 mm (sieve #200) to 4.75 mm (sieve #4) in diameter. Sand is used in great quantities in many kinds of construction. Specifications for each purpose vary widely. The intent of this rating is to show only the probability of finding material in suitable quantity. The suitability of the sand for specific purposes is not evaluated. If the lowest layer of the soil contains sand, the soil is rated as a probable source regardless of thickness. The assumption is that the sand layer below the depth of observation exceeds the minimum thickness.

Gravel

Gravel as a construction material is defined as particles ranging in size from 4.76 mm (sieve #4) to 76 mm (3 inches) in diameter.

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Topsoil

The term "topsoil" has several meanings. As used here, the term describes soil material used to cover an area so as to improve soil conditions for establishment and maintenance of adapted vegetation. Generally, the upper part of the soil, which is richest in organic matter, is most desirable; however, material excavated from deeper layers is also used. In this rating, the upper 40 inches of soil material is evaluated for use as topsoil. In the

borrow area, the material below 40 inches is evaluated for its suitability for plant growth after the upper 40 inches is removed. The soil properties that are used to rate the soil as topsoil are those that affect plant growth, the ease of excavation, loading, and spreading, and those that affect the reclamation of the borrow area.

This subsection includes:

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Map symbol and soil name			 Source for sand 	 Source for grave	el	Source for topsoil		Shallow excavations		
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
12A: Cedargap	 Not limited 		 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)		 Possible source ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~possible source (bottom layer)	1.00	Very limited ~area reclaim (very limited) ~small stones (very limited) ~large stones (slightly limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.24	 	 1.00 0.60 0.08
13A: Cedargap	 Not limited 	 	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00	Possible source ~possible source (bottom layer) ~possible source (thickest layer)	0.46	Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited)	 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~flooding (moderately limited)	1.00
14B: Claiborne	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45 	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	İ	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited) ~too acid (slightly limited) ~small stones (slightly limited)	 0.55 0.30 0.28	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.10
14C: Claiborne	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.45 	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00 	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited) ~too acid (slightly limited) ~small stones (slightly limited)	0.55	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.10

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Map symbol and soil name	Source for roadfi	Source for roadfill			 Source for grave 	el	Source for topsoi	1	Shallow excavations	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
16C: Clarksville	 Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00	 Limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	0.99	 Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.55	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (limited)	1.00
16D: Clarksville	 Not limited 	 	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00 	 Limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	0.99	 Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited) ~slope (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.63	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~slope (limited)	1.00
16F: Clarksville	 Limited ~slope (limited) 	 0.92 	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00	(bottom layer)	0.99	 Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~slope (very limited)	1.00
17F: Clarksville	Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited) ~large stones (slightly limited)	 0.92 0.09 0.01	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	0.99	 Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~too clayey (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.89

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
20C: Doniphan	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	1.00	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Very limited -excess fines (bottom layer) -excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~too acid (moderately limited)	1.00	Limited ~too clayey (limited) ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.95
20D: Doniphan	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.43	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~too acid (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.63 0.54	Limited -too clayey (limited) -slope (limited) -cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.95
22F: Gasconade	 Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited) ~large stones (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.85 0.45	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer) -small stones (thickest layer)	1.00	 Limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~small stones (thickest layer)	0.99	Very limited -depth to bedrock (very limited) -small stones (very limited) -too clayey (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~large stones (limited) ~slope (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.85 0.37
Rock outcrop	Not rated		Not rated		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	 	Not rated	
26: Moniteau	Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	1.00	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)		 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 ~wetness (very limited)	 1.00 	 very limited ~wetness (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited) ~too clayey (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.29 0.03

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Map symbol and soil name			 Source for sand	 Source for grave	el	Source for topsoi	1	Shallow excavations		
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value
29: Nolin	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Slightly limited ~too clayey (slightly limited) 	 	 Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.35
30A: Kickapoo	 Not limited 		Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Limited ~too sandy (limited) 	 0.60 	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~flooding (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.60
31A: Razort	 Not limited 		Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00	Very limited	1.00	 Moderately limited ~small stones (moderately limited) ~too clayey (slightly limited)	0.50	Slightly limited ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.29
32C: Viraton	 Limited ~wetness (limited) 	 0.86 	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00 	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~small stones (limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 0.88 0.86	 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~wetness (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00

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Map symbol and soil name	Source for roadfill		 Source for sand 	l	Source for grave	el	 Source for topsoi 	.1	Shallow excavations	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
34C: Gatewood	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~depth to bedrock (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited)	1.00	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~small stones (limited) ~depth to bedrock (limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited)	1.00
34D: Gatewood	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~depth to bedrock (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited) ~small stones (limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00
35B: Lebanon	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.45	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	ĺ	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00
35C: Lebanon	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~wetness (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.86 0.45	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.86	 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value 	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
37B: Hartville	Very limited -low strength (very limited) -shrink-swell (very limited) -wetness (limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~wetness (very limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited) ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.53 0.29
38: Riverwash	- Not rated		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	
39C: Ocie	- Very limited -low strength (very limited) -wetness (very limited) -shrink-swell (limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~small stones (limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~depth to bedrock (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.64
39D: Ocie	Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~wetness (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~small stones (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.72	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~depth to bedrock (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.75

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
40: Huntington	 Slightly limited ~low strength (slightly limited)	 0.22 	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)		 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Not limited 		 	 1.00 0.60
41B: Plato	Very limited ~shrink-swell (very limited) ~low strength (very limited) ~wetness (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.86	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~too clayey (limited) ~wetness (limited)		 Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~wetness (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00
42C: Gunlock	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	İ	 Limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Limited ~too clayey (limited) ~wetness (moderately limited) 	 0.99 0.48 	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~wetness (very limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.60
43F: Poynor	Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	 1.00 0.92 0.15	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)		Possible source ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~possible source (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited -small stones (very limited) -slope (very limited) -large stones (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.64	Very limited -cutbanks cave (very limited) -slope (very limited) -too clayey (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.83

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Map symbol and soil name	Source for roadfill		Source for sand	i	 Source for grave	el	Source for topsoil		Shallow excavations	
	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
46F: Clarksville	 Limited ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.92	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Limited -excess fines (bottom layer) -excess fines (thickest layer)	0.99	Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~too clayey (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.89
Gepp	Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.92 0.36	 	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer) 	1.00	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~small stones (limited)	1.00	 very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~slope (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00
47F: Gepp	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~slope (limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 0.92 0.45	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited -too clayey (very limited) -slope (very limited) -small stones (limited)	1.00	Very limited -too clayey (very limited) -cutbanks cave (very limited) -slope (very limited)	1.00
Bardley	 Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited) ~low strength (very limited) ~slope (limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~small stones (limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.97	 Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited)	 1.00 1.00

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
47F: (cont) Clarksville	 Limited ~slope (limited)	 0.92 	Very limited -excess fines (thickest layer) -excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Limited -excess fines (bottom layer) -excess fines (thickest layer)	0.99	 Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited)	 1.00 1.00 1.00	 Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~slope (very limited)	1.00
47G: Gepp	~slope (very limited) ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	 1.00 1.00 0.36	 Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer) 	1.00	 Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~excess fines (thickest layer) 	1.00	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~too clayey (very limited) ~small stones (limited) 	 1.00 1.00 0.88	 Very limited ~too clayey (very limited) ~slope (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited) Not rated	 1.00 1.00 0.29
98: Pits		 	 Not rated		 Not rated		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	
Udorthents	 Very limited ~low strength (very limited) ~shrink-swell (moderately limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	 0.45	Not Rated Not Rated -excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 Not Rated Not Rated ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	 very limited ~slope (very limited) ~too clayey (slightly limited) ~large stones (slightly limited)	1.00	 Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	11.00
W: Water	 Not rated 	 	 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 		 Not rated 	